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We need to chat again, I started to work the data issue with Martin.

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On Aug 10, 2015, at 2:49 PM, "Tulis, Dana" <Tulis.Dana@epa.gov> wrote:

Josh, let's discuss.

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Immediate questions that need to be addressed in the next hour and half at some level:

1. What is EPA long term strategy to take responsibility for contamination in the sediment – including investigation, monitoring and cleanup?
2. What is the time line we want to communicate to the public regarding likely projection for having an answer of use of the river (based on forecast of QA/QC) – this should be worked with UAC.

Separate from these immediate questions,

Work with UAC on the following:

Lab capacity and turnaround time for sampling results? Timing between initial data results and validated data results. This is to offer all-Agency help in shortening that time frame.

Independent investigation – Shawn is more comfortable having Bureau of Land Reclamation or USGS. Once he provides me a POC there – please work with OSRTI to engage them to identify whether they can conduct an independent investigation immediately.

Legal claims: The question of funding to local governments, tribes, states has come up, to pay for their extra costs for monitoring, public safety, etc. In that regard, some have asked if the Stafford Act can be used. Would you ask the OGC EOC rep for help in answering this. It relates to the Claims Procedure already outlined, but is different. Would you ask OGC to coordinate closely with Reg 8 ORC.

Data format. This is to frame the question Sam called a conf call about. We need the UAC to frame the question and either report out the resolution, or elevate if unresolved.

Visual tracking of the plume: to ask the hq EOC ORD rep: can access to satellite imagery supplement / replace / improve on the ASPECT photography being developed?

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